

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 60-79.

Please rewrite claims 1, 9, 31 and 41 as follows:

*B1*

1. (twice amended) Bulked continuous filament yarn that is textured and consists [consisting] essentially of a plurality of filaments consisting essentially of crystalline propylene polymer and [having] has a Plug Crush Recovery of at least 85% and shrinkage of about 1 to about 15%.

*B2*

9. (twice amended) Yarn consisting essentially of about 70 to about 300 substantially continuous filaments that consist essentially of crystalline polypropylene homopolymer and have deniers of about 8 to about 30, wherein the yarn is textured and has a bulk level of about 5 to about 15%, denier of about 500 to about 3000, shrinkage of about 1 to about 15% and Plug Crush Recovery of at least 85%.

*B3*

31. (amended) Yarn that is textured consisting essentially of a plurality of continuous filaments and having a bulk level of about 2 to about 20%, shrinkage of about 1 to about 15% and a Plug Crush Recovery of at least 85%, wherein the filaments consist essentially of a crystalline homopolymer polypropylene or a crystalline homopolymer polypropylene having incorporated therein at least one additive that is a pigment, process aid, flame retardant, heat stabilizer, light stabilizer, antimicrobial agent, electrically conductive material, antistatic agent or stain resisting agent.

*B4*

41. (amended) Yarn that is textured consisting essentially of a plurality of bulked continuous filaments and having a shrinkage of about 1 to about 15% and a Plug Crush Recovery of at least 85%, wherein the filaments consist essentially of a crystalline propylene polymer that is at least one homopolymer polypropylene or copolymer of propylene and at least one

*b4*

copolymerizable monomer, or of a blend of the propylene polymer with at least one other polymer, provided that when the other polymer is a polar polymer, the blend also contains a compatibilizing agent for the polar polymer and the propylene polymer.

Please add new claims 80 - 91 as follows:

-- 80. The yarn of claim 1 wherein the propylene polymer as present in the filaments has a crystallinity of at least about 30% determined by wide angle X-ray diffraction.

81. The yarn of claim 1 wherein the texture includes twist.

82. The yarn of claim 1 having an Apparent Average Microfibril Diameter greater than 200.

83. The yarn of claim 9 wherein the homopolymer polypropylene as present in the filaments has a crystallinity of at least about 30% determined by wide angle X-ray diffraction.

84. The yarn of claim 9 wherein the texture includes twist.

85. The yarn of claim 9 having an Apparent Average Microfibril Diameter greater than 200.

86. The yarn of claim 31 wherein the homopolymer polypropylene as present in the filaments has a crystallinity of at least about 30% determined by wide angle X-ray diffraction.

87. The yarn of claim 31 wherein the texture includes twist.

88. The yarn of claim 31 having an Apparent Average Microfibril Diameter greater than 200.